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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 135 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith the application of the Republic of Latvia for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Latvia, having enjoyed statehood and participated as a full-fledged member in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War, and taking into consideration the declarations of 4 May 1990 and 21 August 1991 by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, which restored the sovereign power of the State of Latvia, which was abolished by foreign forces in 1940, is now once again an independent State.

The Republic of Latvia is fully executing government control in all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 4 May 1990 and 21 August 1991 declarations of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, to request the participation of the Republic of Latvia as an equal member of the world community of nations. Please regard the present letter as a formal application for membership by the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Latvia formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Latvia would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Latvia to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Dainis IVANS
Vice-Chairman
Supreme Council
Republic of Latvia